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2009 SPOG Election Edition

The following are the candidates SPOG has endorsed for the 2009 election. The SPOG PAC committee endorsed these candidates after rigorous interviews and feel these are the candidates that will carry the city in a new direction and kee public safety as a priority in Seattle. We ask all SPOG members, retired officers and friends of SPOG to help support these candidates. **REMEMBER TO VOTE!**



Joe Mallahan for Mayor of Seattle

Joe Mallahan has continued to impress the Seattle Police Officers Guild with his vision for the city and his stance on public safety. He brings with him the leadership experience that is needed to right this city and bring the focus back to basic core responsibilities, including providing quality public safety for the citizens of Seattle. Seattle Police Guild President, Sgt. Rich O'Neill said, "It was obvious to us that Mr. Mallahan is the only candidate that has the leadership to handle any crisis and any situation that would arise in our city."



Tom Carr for Seattle City Attorney

Tom Carr's proven leadership and experience is critical to keeping Seattle safe. His initiatives with the North Precinct Auto Theft Project resulted in a 60% drop in citywide auto theft. Tom has also been a leader in protecting domestic violence victims and prosecuting drunk drivers. Seattle Police Guild President, Sgt. Rich O'Neill said, "The police officers need an experienced prosecutor like Tom Carr working with them to keep Seattle safe. Tom's opponent has no experience prosecuting criminals. This position is too important to be accomplished with on the job training."



Robert Rosencrantz, City Council Position #8

Robert has a long history of community involvement and his "working class values" will be a great asset to the city council. Robert is the only candidate in this race who has demonstrated that he will work hard to ensure that public safety is always a priority and that citizens can live in safe neighborhoods. Seattle Police Guild President, Sgt. Rich O'Neill said, "Robert understands what makes a city a great and livable place. He will bring that philosophy to the council and he will truly be a partner with all the citizens who want safe neighborhoods."



Jessie Israel, City Council Position #6

Jessie's enthusiasm and proven track record of working with diverse groups to get things done is desperately needed on the Seattle City Council. Jessie is committed to working with law enforcement groups to strengthen public safety in all of Seattle's neighborhoods. Seattle Police Guild President, Sgt. Rich O'Neill said, "Jessie impressed us as someone who will get things done. Her enthusiasm for public service is inspiring and she will be the breath of fresh air that the council needs."



Sally Bagshaw, City Council Position #4

Sally Bagshaw has dedicated her life to public service. Sally's work in the King County Prosecutor's Office demonstrated her ability to not only be a leader, but also to work as a member of a team. This experience will be very valuable on the city council. Seattle Police Guild President, Sgt. Rich O'Neill said, "Sally has such a wide range of knowledge on so many issues. She understands that public safety is the foundation of a livable community and we look forward to working with her."



Richard Conlin, City Council Position #2

Richard Conlin has demonstrated a long commitment to public safety. When meeting with SPOG, Richard said, "Public safety is the number one responsibility of local government. If the city is not safe then nothing can be accomplished." SPOG President Rich O'Neill said, "Richard Conlin has been a pleasure to work with on the city council and we look forward to working with him during his next term."



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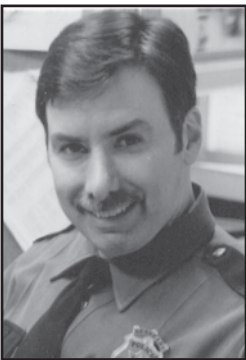
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President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



This is a month filled with so many topics to talk about that I am going to break from my normal format and handle this article more like a roll call presentation. (The items are by no means in order of importance.)

Item #1 The "New Shift" Memo

The rumor is true. The department did send the guild a letter referencing the requirement in our contract that they give us "at least" six months notice before going to the new 10 hour shift. So what does it all mean? In conversation, the department leaders stressed that "minimum" six months notice does not mean we will go to the shifts in exactly six months. There are many variables such as the need to continue hiring at the current pace. Another variable is the looming Mayor's race. A new Mayor will be sworn in January and he will undoubtedly bring in his own advisors who may have different ideas concerning the new shift. I understand that this issue impacts family schedules, childcare, and off-duty. SPOG will continue to monitor the situation and will let everyone know as soon as we hear any updates. Take a moment and read the MOA on the issue, so you are familiar with the shift bidding agreement and all the procedures.

Item #2 Officer Involved Shooting Inquest

During the week of September 16th, there was a King County Superior Court Inquest into the officer involved shooting which occurred during the early morning hours of January 1st. This was the incident where officers responded on a shots fired call and they encountered a man armed with a rifle and dressed in a German military uniform. The man ignored commands to drop the rifle and actually pointed the rifle at the officers who had no choice but to fire. The inquest went well and the officers were absolved of any wrong-doing. It was very encouraging to see many officers show up to support the involved officers. I want to especially commend Chief Diaz, Deputy Chief Kimerer, and Deputy Chief Metz who were in the courtroom when I was there. I know it meant a lot to the officers!

Item #3 Passing of Bomb Dog Freddie.

Last month our very first SPD bomb dog, Freddie, unexpectedly passed away. The bomb squad organized what they thought was going to be a small remembrance service for Freddie and his handler, Officer Craig Williamson. The turnout was anything but small. Officer Williamson and Freddie had created so many great relationships with many different law enforcement organizations, which came to show their appreciation. Officer Williamson and Freddie were an incredible team that helped protect thousands of people at many different venues. They shared a special bond.

Item #4 Step Compression Arbitration Decision

Last month we received the Step Compression Arbitration decision. This issue affected about 180 of our members who had not reached top step in the pay scale when the new contract was signed. The officers found that when the city reduced our pay scale steps from eight to six, some of them were placed in steps that did not seem to accurately reflect their months of service. SPOG hired outside counsel at additional expense to handle the case because our regular attorneys were involved in the writing of the contract and could be potential witnesses. There were three issues before the arbitrator. SPOG ended up winning two of the three issues. The arbitrator ruled that the city was wrong when they changed the anniversary dates of some officers. The arbitrator also ruled that the city was wrong when they required some officers to work longer than 72 months to reach top step in the pay scale. Those officers will see a monetary reward. The arbitrator did however rule against us on the issue of having all officers reach the top step pay scale at the new 54 months. It was very frustrating to the officers involved as well as all of us who spent months working with the attorney on the case. I know personally

I've had the experience of going to court with what I thought was a "rock-solid" case, only to find out that a judge or jury ruled otherwise. It happens in criminal cases and it definitely happens in labor law arbitration decisions. That is why when going to arbitration, a favorable outcome is never a "sure thing." One thing is still quite sure and that is that in the current economic climate our contract remains an outstanding piece of work. I know many police agencies who've taken pay cuts and others who have had officers laid off. Keeping things in perspective, even though we are frustrated, is vital.

Item #5 Retired Officer's Banquet

The Retired Officer's Banquet was held September 9th and the range pavilion was packed. It remains one of the best events of the year. SPOG was honored to present three awards to the three lowest serial numbers in attendance. It was a fun night and the Seattle Police Relief Association and the Retired Officer's Association do an incredible job putting on the annual event. I encourage everyone to mark your calendars and plan on honoring our retired brothers and sisters next September. They show all of us that what makes the job so special are the people you meet along your career path. They also remind us that there is life after SPD.

Item #6 The Passing of a Legend

Last month I was privileged to attend the funeral of a true Seattle Legend, Wayne Larkin. We have dedicated this moth's history corner to Wayne. He was a remarkable man who served this city as a firefighter, police officer, SPOG President, and then eight years on the Seattle City Council. His memorial service was very touching. I will always remember how when I was first elected he spoke with me several times and offered some personal advice and guidance. He cared very deeply about this city and SPOG in particular. He was a true legend and they don't come along very often. Rest in peace, Wayne.

Item #7 The Election

The election is now upon us. Ballots will be arriving in Seattle homes by mid-October. Your SPOG Political Action Committee has been working long hours attending many events with our endorsed candidates. We need to continue to spread the word to all those who vote in Seattle. The city attorney race is an interesting race to follow. There has been much discussion about the position of Chief of Police. The city would not dream of hiring someone as Chief who had never walked a beat, made an arrest or supervised officers. In the city attorney race that is exactly what is involved. The challenger, Mr. Holmes has NO experience with criminal law. He has never been a prosecutor or even a defense attorney in a criminal courtroom. He has never supervised an office with over 100 attorneys and staff. He is a bankruptcy attorney and yet is aspiring to be our chief prosecutor in the city. The position is too important to go with "on the job training." We must continue to educate the public on these facts. I'd also like to commend our office staff, Sarah and Elizabeth Scott. They always roll up their sleeves and tackle any job that comes along but, during this political season, they have really gone over and above the call of duty. They do it because they deeply care about you, the membership! Next time you talk to them, let them know you appreciate the work they do on your behalf.

Okay, roll call is over, hit the streets and always be safe!

The Seattle City Attorney Race

“Just the Facts”

THE ISSUE	TOM CARR	PETE HOLMES
Experience as a Prosecutor	8 years Seattle City Attorney, Assistant U.S. Attorney	None
Experience in Criminal Law	8 years Seattle City Attorney, Assistant U.S. District Attorney	None
Experience in Crime Fighting Projects	Settle Community Court, North Precinct Auto Theft Project which resulted in a 60% DROP in citywide auto theft, recognized leader in assisting domestic violence victims, DUI enforcement, pedestrian and bicyclists protection	None
Experience in supervising an office with over 100 attorneys and staff	8 years Seattle City Attorney,	None
Endorsements from Seattle Police	Seattle Police Officer’s Guild Seattle Police Management Association	None
Endorsements from Former OPA Auditors	Kate Pflaumer (Ret) Judge Terry Carroll	None

Mr. Holmes often touts his work with the OPA Review Board. The FACT is that Mr. Holmes tenure on the board was filled with divisiveness, grandstanding in the press, and costly legal actions brought against the city. The most telling FACT is that the former auditors of the OPA, who worked with Mr. Holmes, have endorsed TOM CARR. Mr. Holmes even attempts to take credit for the changes that recently came to the OPA system through collective bargaining with the police guild. The FACT is that Mr. Holmes was not even invited to be part of the Mayor’s Accountability Panel. The former OPA Review Board was replaced with 7 new members and the problems that marred Mr. Holmes’ tenure are gone.

This is NOT the time to turn the Seattle City Attorney’s Office over to someone with no experience in the critical aspect of crime fighting! The Seattle City Attorney needs to have a good relationship with our officers on the street to effectively fight crime! Mr. Holmes has NO EXPERIENCE with criminal law and DOES NOT ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF ANY POLICE ASSOCIATIONS. Now, more than ever, our city needs an experienced crime fighter working with our front line officers!

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SPOG Members and Local 27 members (Seattle Firefighters) come together to endorse Joe Mallahan



SPOG President Rich O'Neill and Robert Rosencrantz, candidate for City Council Position #8



SPOG President Rich O'Neill, Mayoral Candidate Joe Mallahan and Local 27's President Kenny Stuart come together before the Mallahan Public Safety Endorsement



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SPOG Members support Tom Carr, City Attorney at a local debate


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The Notice Has Arrived

By Officer Mike Severance, SPOG Secretary-Treasurer

I attended the Retired Officers’ Banquet on September 9th. I look forward to it every year, and, once again, it was fantastic. I have attended them for many years, but I saw more members of the SPD Executive Staff at this one than ever before. The Chief was there along with two Deputy Chiefs and two Assistant Chiefs.

It’s impossible for me to not get nostalgic at these things when I am in the presence of so much of the Seattle Police Department’s history. I sat with my brother, Dave, who had made one of his few annual trips to Seattle from Leavenworth. By coincidence, I was sitting across from retired Officer Dick Herdeck. Dick does not remember this, but he was one of the veteran officers I partnered with at the North Precinct before I attended the Police Academy. I was working with Dick when I made my first felony arrest on a Burglary in Progress call. There was no FTO Program then. Rookies worked the streets until there were enough bodies for an academy class.

The banquet is a great tradition which I hope will never disappear.

I’m sure you have all heard by now that the Chief has given SPOG the six-month notice stating his intention to implement the 10-hour shifts. While there are many circumstances involved, and the implementation may never happen, SPOG has no choice but to treat this notice as if the new shifts will be implemented in six months. Believe it or not, we have some members who don’t care about the issues of officer safety or effective service to our citizens. They want the new shifts no matter how many officers we **don’t have**. I

strongly disagree. As much as I would like to work a 10-hour shift and get the extra 23 days off every year, other parts of NPP have already compromised officer safety and service. We don’t need further compromises. The department says they can implement the new shifts with 565 pro-active patrol officers. That is 6% fewer officers than the 599 they told us they needed during negotiations. SPOG does not believe the shifts can be safely implemented with 565 officers. Since our contract was ratified, the change in net staffing is an unimpressive +51. SPOG did a count from the September 15th precinct roll call sheets. Our count includes officers assigned to patrol cars and being routinely dispatched to calls for service. It does not include CPT, ACT, station crews, bikes, beats, on-loan, extended sick or military leave. We have 483 patrol officers, 20 student officers and 5 part time officers.

Here is another factor to consider. The City isn’t buying any new patrol cars. I was told that Charles Street recently retired several old patrol cars. I am certain more will be retired. We don’t seem to have enough patrol cars for the current three shifts. I don’t know what it is like at other precincts, but 2nd Watch North officers frequently must take 3rd Watch cars which delays 3rd Watch officers getting into service. If they don’t have enough cars for the current three shifts, where are they going to find the cars for five overlapping 10-hour shifts?

The Mayor bought off on all facets of NPP. This is the same Mayor who gave the city a “B” for its response to a winter snow storm. That Mayor is on his way out. He will be replaced by a new Mayor. Hopefully, fantasy will be replaced with reality and common

sense.

Speaking of the out-going Mayor, is it possible he ordered the department to give us the six- month notice? Could this be his going away present to us? He knows most of us want the new shifts. Dangling a carrot in front of us while knowing it was going to be yanked away in the future could very easily cause some dissention. I wonder.

The department has lost a truly unique Assistant Chief. This former Assistant Chief had a history with SPD which I hope and pray will never be duplicated. Now we have a huge controversy about the treatment of female officers within the department. Will there be a new Blue Ribbon Panel? Give me a break! I wonder if this former Assistant Chief considers her out-of-order promotion(s) to be mistreatment. They were mistreatment of all the more qualified people who scored higher than her on promotional exams but were not promoted. The department and the taxpayers were cheated. I am certain the employees of her new agency will appreciate her many “people skills”, and will learn to love her as we did. SPOG’s workload might be greatly reduced as we will probably have to file fewer grievances over contract violations.

One would think that a person with a law degree was capable of reading and understanding the language in a contract.

On September 15th I attended the funeral for Wayne Larkin, a former Seattle firefighter, Seattle police officer, SPOG President and Seattle City Councilman. Not one of our Chiefs was in attendance. There was no representative from the Mayor’s office or the Seattle City Council. That’s pathetic. Captain Dan Oliver and the entire SPOG Executive Board were there along with the SPD Honor Guard and representatives from the Seattle Fire Department.

I continue to be amazed at the lack of common sense demonstrated when OPA decides to investigate certain complaints. How much taxpayer money could be saved if mediation was routinely employed for allegations of minor violations? A copy of every OPA compliant crosses my desk at SPOG. I read many of them with utter disbelief.

The latest Personnel Order shows that five new laterals have been hired. Two officers have left. The net staffing change for 2009 is +19.

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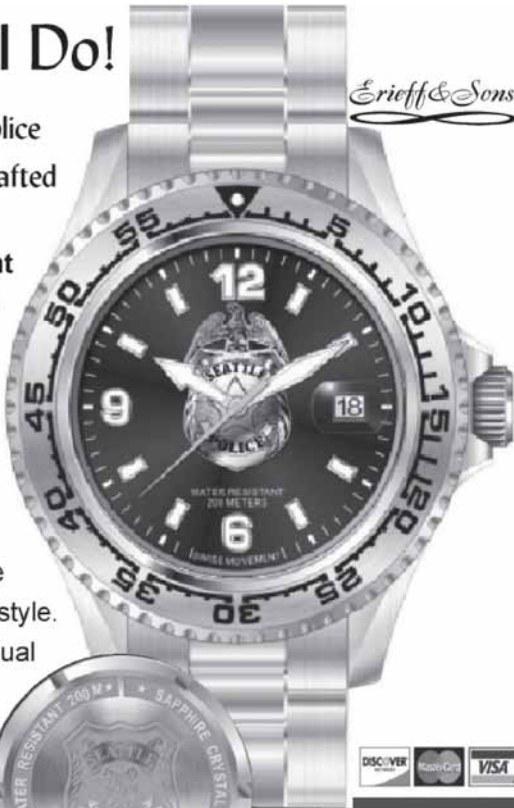
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Standing in Honor

By Officer Steve Pomper, East Precinct

There’s one thing that the Seattle Police Department does that is unequivocally exceptional: its response, both organized and spontaneous, to officers seriously injured in the line of duty who have been transported to Harborview Hospital for medical care. It’s been my privilege several times to stand hospital guard/liaison for these fine officers and their families from all over the region, some even coming in from other states. Each time, I stand in silent awe over the outpouring of care and concern for a downed brother or sister.

In the organized category there is the superb SPD hospital team, which does an amazing job coordinating the logistics, which allow visiting family members to focus on their injured loved-one rather than on ancillary details. The hospital team’s response is consistently rapid, thorough, and compassionate.

There is also another aspect of SPD’s response that is awesome in it’s own right, completely voluntary, and in which I was recently privileged to participate. I stood duty as hospital guard for an officer brought in from another county who, unfortunately, succumbed to his injuries. At HMC, although obviously suffering greatly, family, friends, and his fellow officers managed at least a brittle smile, and on occasion even extended a heartfelt thank you to me—to us—for being there. I felt honored to be included by the family in this small way.

From the top down SPD does this right. From 24/7 hospital guard, to providing transportation and accommodations, to visits from the highest ranks of the department, no officer’s family arriving in Seattle for such a terrible event ever feels adrift or abandoned.

This hospitality extends to another ritual, one which should bring additional pride to our department. With less than an hour’s notice, patrol officers were advised that the fallen officer’s body was being prepared for transport back home. Without any orders directing officers to comply, the precinct commander put out a simple request via MDC that available officers line the route from HMC to I-5 to honor the passing officer, his family, and his multi-agency escort.

No order was necessary and I was proud to see an amazing turnout: Officers, alongside their patrol cars awaiting the motorcade stood by, solemnly lining the entire route to the

freeway. SPD Officers and a Port of Seattle Officer, their patrol car lights flashing snapped to attention when SPD motor officers crested the hill at 9th Avenue and James Street. As the hearse carrying the officer’s body passed the impromptu honor guard, officers offered crisp salutes for a fallen brother on his last earthly trip, headed home to his final rest.

I can only imagine how this gesture affected the fallen officer’s comrades driving patrol cars in the motorcade, and most especially those family members accompanying the officer. Yes, taking care of fallen and injured brother and sister officers and their families is something SPD does very well and something of which every single officer from the Chief on down to the newest rookie should be very proud.

On a much lighter note, my wife and I recently vacationed on Maui and we had the opportunity to visit friends who were staying at our new SPD Guild condo in Kihei, Maui, Hawaii.

First, Maui was as spectacular as it always is and no words can ever do it justice—you just have to go and enjoy it for yourself. Whatever you imagine, it’s better. What can make it even better is where you stay and I can tell you, for the value you can’t do better than the Guild condo.

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I’d mention the folks by name, but I’m not sure of everyone involved in the work. I wouldn’t want to leave anyone out. They know who they are, I’m sure we all will eventually, and we should thank them when we have the chance.

I encourage you to take advantage of this Guild benefit. Lift your Mai Tai in toast to these folks as you enjoy swaying palm trees, a warm ocean breeze, and the spectacular red-orange-pink swirling hues at sunset while reclining on your cozy ocean front lanai.

Chaplain’s Corner

By Chaplain John Oas

We see what we are looking for..... Last month we looked at a lesson from ‘Manna’. Enough with food, I want to share an insight of what happens next in this early saga of how Israel begins to walk in their ‘promised land’.

From a high vantage point Moses sees Canaan. He’s waited more than forty years to bring his nation to a new and prosperous land. Rumors abound. Some say there is ‘milk and honey’, others say, they are ‘giants’.

Moses directs a small number of his warriors to ‘search out the land’. They are called ‘spies’ - but they are to return with a report. Can Israel overtake these people? Should they look elsewhere?

Joshua took his brave souls; disguised and yet adventurous, down the slopes of the mountain to bring back a report. Moses worried. It seemed a long time before they returned. But they eventually came back across over the horizon.

They were drilled for answers...”What was it like?” Some replied that it was

too much! Joshua and some others replied that they could do it. Moses counseled with the elders and reported, “With the Lord’s help we can do this!” They began to plan their approach to Canaan and the Israel we know today.

This is my closing thought: “With the Lord’s help you can conquer every challenge you have in your life. You just have to want it badly enough!”

May His very best be yours!

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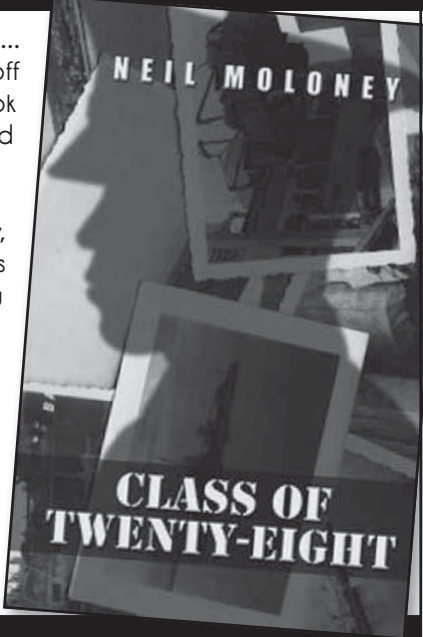
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Freddie the SP

Freddie’s Passing

By Sergeant Jim Hansen, Arson/Bomb Squad

It is with sadness that I report to you the death “Freddie” our Explosive Detection Canine, faithful partner to Officer Craig Williamson #4936, SPD’s first and only “Bomb Dog” team.

On Saturday morning 9/12/09 Officer Williamson took Freddie to the vet because he was obviously in distress with no energy and lacking his usual enthusiasm. The vet determined Freddie had a serious problem with internal bleeding, and he was transferred to a critical care veterinary hospital. A determination was made that he needed immediate surgery and blood transfusions. While prepping Freddie for surgery his heart stopped. Freddie was revived and underwent surgery to remove his spleen. Freddie passed away peacefully a few hours after the surgery without regaining consciousness.

Officer Williamson and Freddie were an exceptional team. They provided valuable services to the Seattle Police Department and may other agencies from July of 2003 right up until his passing. They conducted hundreds of support missions over the years ranging from dignitary protection bomb sweeps to evidence searches for crimes involving firearms and

explosives. They were very visible and well received representatives of SPD at innumerable public relations events like the Precinct picnics and Citizens Academies. As a team they were presented the Award for Excellence at the 2008 Seattle Police Foundation Awards Ceremony. Requests for their services came in almost daily, and they were called out from home in the middle of the night frequently to do crime scene searches. They never failed to respond. Freddie was nearing retirement age but because of his extraordinary abilities and willingness to work his service time had been extended.

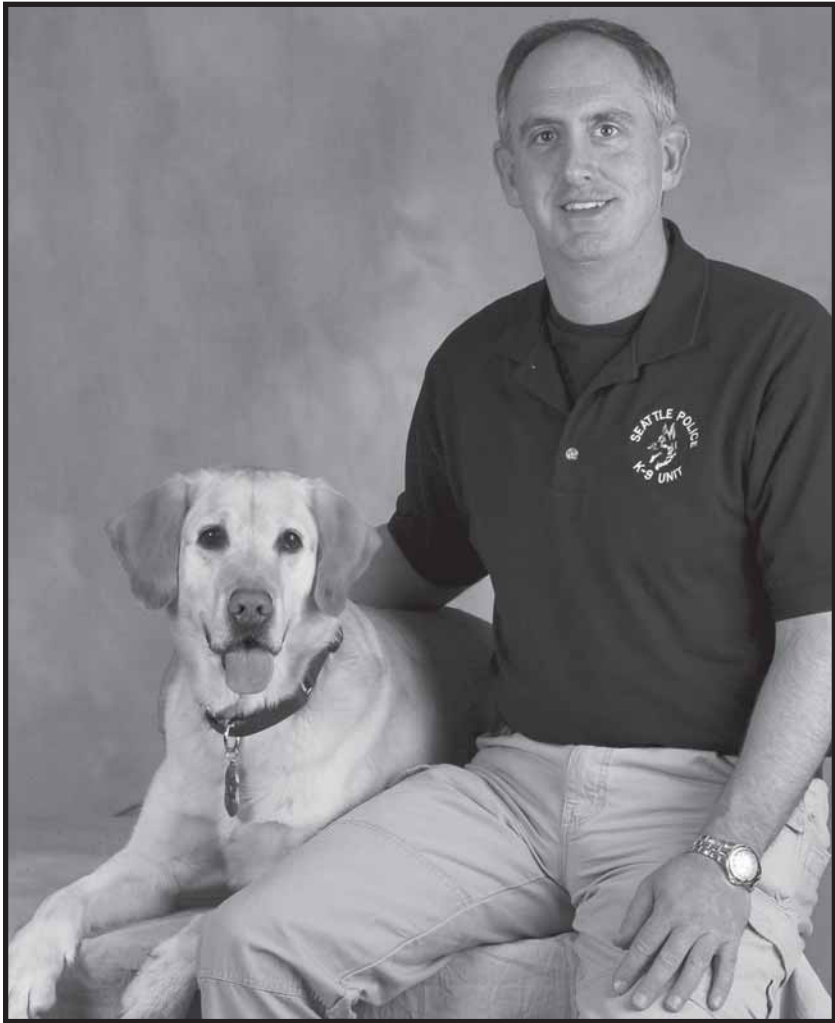
Freddie was an ATF trained dog, and Craig and Freddie were recognized as a premier team by ATF. By virtue of being so highly regarded in the bomb dog community, their presence was requested at many national security type events around the country.

Officer Williamson has 24 years of service with SPD. He was a K-9 officer from 1994 to August of 2002 with his K-9 partner “Jake”. As a team Craig and Jake were recognized for excellence. Craig is a masterful dog handler. To no one’s surprise he volunteered to be a bomb dog

handler when the opportunity arose. In May of 2003 Craig traveled to the ATF K-9 training center in Front Royal, Virginia where he was partnered with Freddie. They underwent 10 weeks of intensive training. This training and bonding process was full time, seven days a week, and they actually lived together in the same room. It was truly a 24/7 relationship. They formed a strong bond and developed into the perfect team. They returned to Seattle together in July of 2003 and went right to work.

Craig and Freddie were assigned to the Arson/Bomb Squad and quickly came to be relied upon to perform many roles in support of bomb squad missions. It was always comforting to know the bomb squad command post area had been checked for possible secondary devices by Craig and Freddie, leaving us free to focus on the immediate threat confronting us. Craig was always looking for ways they could assist us during call outs or training scenarios. They were truly considered to be an integral part of the Arson/Bomb Squad.

All of us will miss Freddie’s joyful and playful presence.



Officer Craig Williamson and Freddie the SPD Bomb Dog



Freddie at the beach



Freddie and Craig, hard at work

SPD Bomb Dog



Freddie receiving his food reward for a job well done



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Officer of the Month

By Officer Christopher Hall, West Precinct

The SPOG Officer of the Month for August 2009 is Officer Marie Gochnour of the Southwest Precinct, as nominated by Acting Sergeant Gabe Shank for her response to a burglary.

On August 7th Officer Gochnour responded to a burglary call where a witness had observed a male climbing out of a neighbor’s window. The suspect then got into a waiting car and fled the scene. During the initial investigation, Officer Gochnour was able to lift several latent prints and also determined that a stolen cell phone had a GPS device in it. Officer Gochnour was able to use the GPS and locate the stolen cell phone near 18th Avenue SW/SW Brandon Street. Once in the area, they observed the suspect vehicle in a nearby driveway. Officers contacted the occupants of the house and were able to get a positive show-up on one occupant who was arrested. A second suspect could not be positively identified and was released. They then executed a search warrant and recovered numerous items of stolen property, including the cell phone with GPS and firearms. The latent prints lifted by Officer Gochnour eventually positively identified the second suspect.

suspect to facilitate his escape.

As the Officer of the Month, Officer Gochnour has selected the Help the Officer Fund as the recipient of the \$250 SMCU donation.

Also nominated this month were Sergeant Roger Rusness, Officers Amy Branham, Clayton Agate, Bill Jensen, Mo Washington, Cameron Probst, Mike Griffin, Adley Shephard, John Marion and Benjamin Kelly of the South Precinct. They were nominated by Sergeant Paul Leung for two incidents; the first involved a barricaded suspect that officers were able to talk out of the house. While searching the house for the victim, they observed narcotics and firearms in plain view. They then secured a search warrant and recovered 6 firearms, a bulletproof vest, 8 lbs. of marijuana as well as other drugs and over \$60,000 in cash. The second incident involved the officers locating a vehicle that had been brandishing a weapon based on a vague description and then obtaining a search warrant for the vehicle and recovering an SKS assault rifle. Based on the officer’s actions and reports, the suspect pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 3-years.

In all, nine burglary cases were solved due to the extra effort exhibited by Officer Gochnour, including one where a victim was assaulted by the

Please remember, e-mail nominations to oom@seattlepoliceguild.org or they can be sent to me through Department mail at the West Precinct. Stay safe.



Thank You to Seattle Metropolitan Credit Union for their generous donation of \$250 to the Help the Officer Fund in the name of Officer of the Month, Officer Marie Gochnour. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

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Detective Tom Conrad, Robbery

20 years of Service

Officer Mike Sudduth, West Precinct

5 years of Service

Officer Sonya Fry, West Precinct
Officer John Kallis, West Precinct

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Are Cops Racist By Nature or is *The Seattle Times* Way Off Base?

By Howard Monta, SPD Retired

It has been awhile since I have been motivated to express an opinion to The Seattle Times, but Jeffery P. Robinson’s column, “Race relations, the unwritten rules – from Cambridge to Seattle”, published Aug 16, 09 has shocked me into action. Robinson’s lengthy column regarding the arrest of the black professor, Henry Louis Gates Jr., by a white police sergeant seems more likely to promote reverse racism than to help create a better society.

Mr. Robinson begins by inferring that Professor Gates’ free-speech rights were violated because Sgt Crowley did not like what Gates was saying. As a defense attorney, Robinson should know that when free speech interferes with police investigations there are laws prohibiting such activity. Of course, Mr. Robinson then refers back to his own youth in Memphis where black youths were mistreated by police. Someone please tell him that it is now the year 2009, and police now must answer for improper actions. However, Mr. Robinson does not want to acknowledge that fact. He goes on to quote recent Seattle arrest statistics for obstructing a police officer’s duties that he seems to interpret as too high in regard to black defendants. He quotes a P-I analysis that revealed 48% of all arrests for obstructing (between January 2002 and December 2007) involved black defendants, and “blacks made up less than 10 percent of the total Seattle population”. One could interpret those statistics in various ways. Robinson seems to imply that those numbers prove that Seattle Police are racist bigots. An opposing view might conclude that by their improper conduct a certain segment of the black population created cause to attract the need for police contact, and subsequently chose not to cooperate with the duties of police officers.

Here are a few old quotes regarding the use of statistics for expressing one’s opinions:

“He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts – for support rather than for illumination.” – Andrew Lang.

“Definition of Statistics: The science of producing unreliable facts from reliable figures.” – Evan Esar

“Statistics: The only science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions.” – Evan Esar

“There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.” Benjamin Disraeli

Now please allow me to explain where I am coming from. I was born and raised in South Seattle – Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley. I am of the white race. I enlisted in the Air force in the mid-fifties and was shocked at the entrenched racism I observed while at Air force Technical School in Texas. I was glad to return to Seattle after discharge from the service – a city where racism did not seem to exist. I served 5 years in the Seattle Fire Department in Rainier Valley, and 29 years as an officer and sergeant in the Seattle Police Department. It was my feeling that the few officers who were considered to exhibit racial prejudice, were not accepted by the majority.

I was assigned to traffic enforcement cars for three years and motorcycles for 15 years prior to my promotion to Sergeant. I wrote over 30,000 citations and I do not recall any of them being based upon the race of the drivers. The first observation by a traffic officer is the violation – not the race or gender of the driver. I will have to admit that for my first several years on motorcycles I was assigned to work Rainier valley, and observed that about 90% of my citations were to minorities. That bothered me, and I asked for a transfer to the North End. There I observed that about 95% of my citations were written to whites. That did not bother me.

I must share a short story regarding an experience early in my career that occurred in the East Central District which almost turned into a race riot:


I recall an experience in 1969 wherein I unknowingly used Chief Reuben Greenberg’s philosophy. Greenberg was Chief of the Charleston, South Carolina Police Department for 25 years. He was their first black chief. A brief description of his philosophy was to insist that his officers earn the respect of the communities, and that being on good terms with the population would encourage citizens to assist police in their work. This approach was way ahead of the times, and it surprised all of the officers who were present. I was working as part of a group of traffic enforcement cars working in a predominantly African-American section of Seattle. Our city had already suffered much racial strife, and I had been involved in my share of working at demonstrations and riots. This was an era of very poor police public relations with the African-American community.

One of our units called for assistance with an uncooperative drunk driver. The guy was refusing to get out of his truck, and he happened to be a black guy. When I arrived, three officers were attempting to pull the DUI out of his truck. A crowd was gathering. Twenty-five to thirty people began shouting at us that we didn’t have to treat the man like that. The mood was not good. I called radio for additional backup units, but I told the operator to have the responding units standby a few blocks from our location so as not to set the crowd off. As the crowd was getting more

vocal, I noticed one male who seemed to be taking on a leadership roll. In desperation, I spoke to that person loud enough for the crowd to hear. I said, “This man is drunk, and he is driving badly – Do you want us to allow him to drive through your neighborhood and hurt somebody?” He hesitated, looked around at the crowd, and said, “No – but you don’t have to be pulling on the man like that”. I responded, “Do you think you can get him out of that truck without pulling on him?” He looked back at the crowd again, and found that I had put the burden on him to “put up or shut up”. He reluctantly replied, “Sure man, I can get him out of there”. I told the officers to step back, and motioned the group leader to approach the truck. He walked up to the open driver’s door and said, “Come on brother, why don’t you get out of the truck and cooperate with the officers? – We’ll make sure they treat you right”. Without saying a word, the drunk driver threw a right-hand punch across the steering wheel that grazed the side of the guy’s face. The dazed leader of the crowd stepped back and told us to take the drunk out of the truck. The crowd walked away and allowed us to drag the man out of the truck – not without incident, however. I got kicked in the leg, and another officer suffered a severe bite on his hand.

Howard A. Monta / Author of two books relating to law enforcement: *Survive Low Morale, Stress, and Burnout in Law Enforcement* / *Like a Cat With Nine Lives – Near-death Experiences of a Career Cop*.

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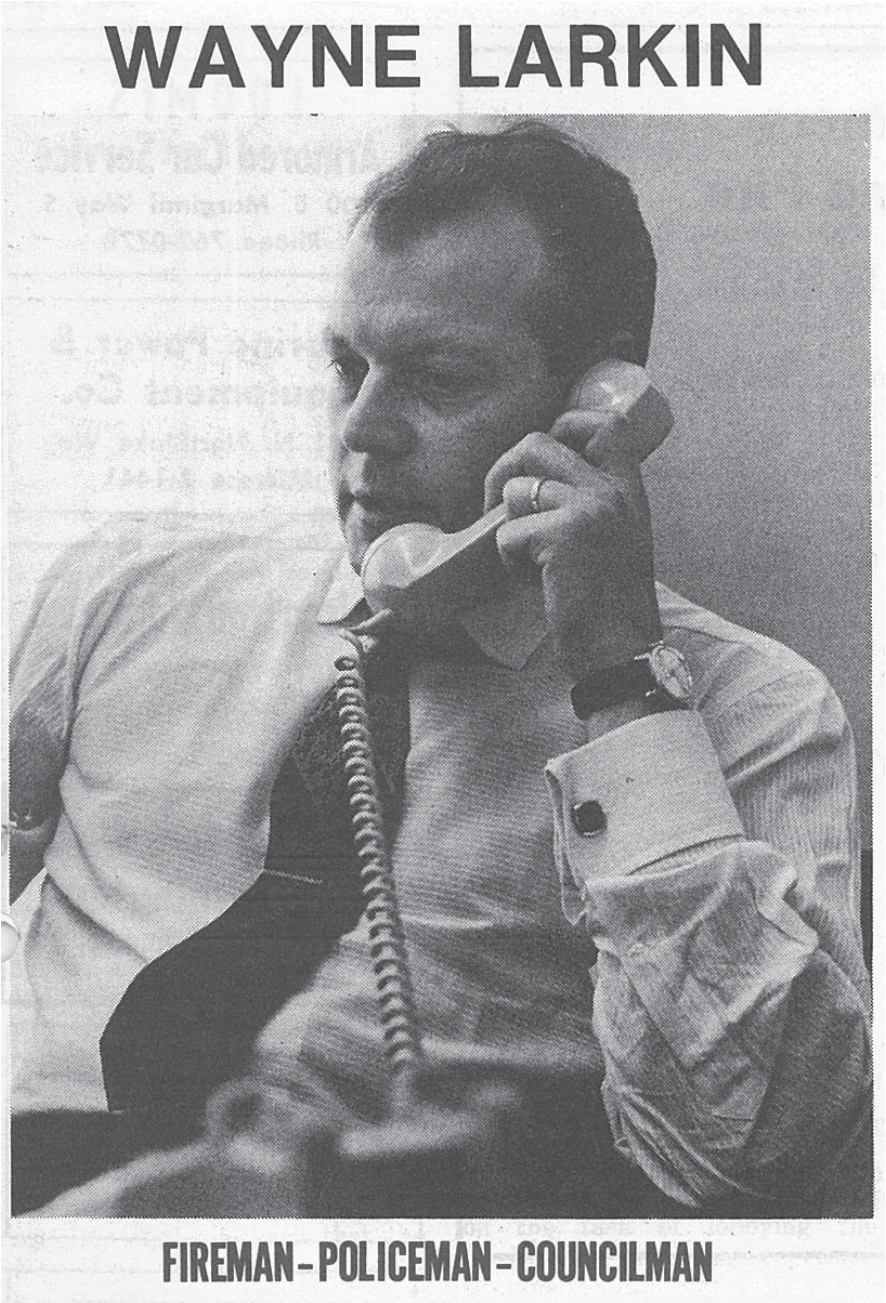
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History Corner

By The Guardian Staff

This is a reprint from the May 1977 issue of *The Guardian*. The article was written by then Secretary-Treasurer Bob Moffet. It is being reprinted in remembrance of Past Guild President Wayne Larkin.



By Bob Moffett
Secretary-Treasurer

Eight years ago Wayne Larkin was our Guild President, and we gave him a big “Atta boy... go get’m Wayne”... a few bucks in his pocket and sent him into the depths of City Government with the hope that we in Public Safety Service would at last have a voice in our own destiny.

Larkin was elected to City Council in 1969, re-elected in 1973 and is now one of the top-running candidates for the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, Mayor of the City of Seattle. Seattle Police Officers supported Wayne in 1969, 1973 and are now in a position to support him in the 1977 Mayor’s race!

Then it dawned on me that two-thirds of our officers never knew Wayne Larkin as a police officer. Two-thirds of our officers came on after he was elected to the City Council.

So, let’s take time to answer those questions, and get acquainted (or reacquainted for some) with Wayne Larkin, **Wayne Larkin the Fireman, Wayne Larkin the Policeman, Wayne Larkin the Guild President, Vice President – Washington State Council of Police Officers, Seattle Councilman, President of the Association of Washington Cities and now candidate for Mayor.**

Wayne Larkin came to the Seattle Police Department in 1953 possessing a natural ability to lead and with a built-in purpose and goal to organize Seattle Police Officers. Larkin’s purpose originated in 1946 when he worked in Ladder #9 of the Fire Department. Wayne was the only man on that truck company who had to put in 35 years for the same pension that most everyone else got in 25 years. It was the way the pension law was written that he could not retire before age 55, and he joined at age 20.

So, to put it in Larkin’s words, “That is one of the reasons that stirred me into activity and cooperating with organizing the Seattle Police Officers way back in 1953, 54 and 55. I think that sometimes you go back and find out why some guy is bugged on a certain thing. That is what bugged me! Another thing that bugged me was that when I retired and let’s say I had a

heart bump and died, my widow received nothing and that just appalled me and every other Fireman and Police Officer. So we decided then that we had better get on-the-ball and start doing something to improve that pension system.”

Wayne Larkin was one of the original officers who formed the Seattle Police Union. In those days the guild approached the finance committee of the City Council directly for improved wages and working conditions.

Wayne was elected to the Guild Board and was on the committee formed to improve our pension benefits. Pension benefits were then practically zero with Service Retirement at \$150 a month and no widow’s clause.

This committee joined forces with Tacoma, organized the ten first class cities (Washington State Council of Police Officers) and proceeded to Olympia to plead our case. Our Guild President, Fred Keenan became president of W.S.C.P.O and Charlie Marsh became vice president.

According to Larkin, “We started getting involved in campaigns and political activities and made great strides, as all of us are aware towards better benefits, widow’s clause, medical 20-year vesting rights and all of the things that constitute the finest pension system in the United States for our 6% contribution.”

In March 1966 Larkin was elected President of the Guild and one of his first projects was developing our own health plan. Wayne wanted the health plan in the Guild because it would give the Guild greater meaning to the members, but Chief Lawrence insisted on placing it in the Relief Association. However, Wayne held the position of manager of the Hospital Plan for the first year. They borrowed \$1,000 and signed up members by going to roll calls. They signed up the majority of the Police Department, including members that belonged to private organizations such as Group Health.

Wayne speaks about it this way, “It was a gamble an we proved we could do it within our own on a cooperative basis. Even though it wasn’t in the Guild, the Guild had a major influence. We even took on the responsibility of the retired police officers and wives and to this day, the health plan covers the retired officers and wives on a premium basis.

Larkin referred to that particular period of time by saying, “I think that as we moved on in our career in the Guild owe started out with many salary problems and we moved into court time problems, overtime problems, uniform allowances, all of the things the working policeman had a great deal of difficulty coping with. When we started we had no paid overtime, it was compensatory time-off for all court time. The clothing allotment was zero... finally we were able to get \$50 a year for clothing. We then moved into scheduling process for court time and payments for court time and overtime. We moved into a new program of negotiating, not with the City Council, but with a consultant hired by the City, who made recommendations to the City Council. This developed into a more professional relationship as far as proving the value of the benefits to the City in comparison to what they were giving police officers. Salaries then started to surge and we became involved in the election of city officials. We started supporting the right ones and getting them elected. We got to the day, point in time when we had three vacancies of the City Council, but we still did not have a voice that spoke clearly and loudly for Police and Fire Departments.

“At that time we had led the nation in bombings; we were having demonstrations and radical movements which were upsetting the entire community. It was at this time that I decided to take a leave-of-absence from the Police Department and run for city council.

Wayne Larkin was elected in 1969 following a very difficult campaign, and has since tried to be a common voice on the Council that isn’t consistently harping on city employees and public safety. But as Wayne puts it, **“All the City Council members I work with have been well-reminded at the right time that there is a guardian standing by, guarding the rights and privileges of city employees, police and fire.** When it came time in budget meetings and hearings, I continually supported my position of hiring and training more police officers, and developing better equipment for police officers and fire fighters.

We were able to initiate new divisions within the department upon my insistence ... the helicopters as one example. There has been a consistent move every budget session to remove them and believe me, this coming year you might see that happen. I can remember wrestling with several Councilmen over the K-9 Corps, because they had the bad taste in their minds of southern police using

Retired News

By Mike Germann

NEW SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIREMENTS

There are no LEOFF I retirements to publish but there is a LEOFF II retirement to note:
Richard O. Heideman, #6651, Seattle Police Patrol Officer retired on August 27, 2009, following nine plus years of sworn service with the Seattle Police Department. He came to S.P.D. as a lateral transfer from the Kansas City Police Department. Officer Heideman served in both the South and Southwest Precincts prior to his retirement.

R.A.P. CLUB PICNIC & BOCCE BALL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Fifty-one hearty souls attended the annual R.A.P. Club summer Picnic/Barbecue and Bocce Ball Tournament on August 13, 2009. The weather was a little cool, but everybody had a great time.

Marty and Rita Spotanske won top honors in bocce ball, again. They must practice every day all year long.

The food was absolutely great and was supplied Mrs. Magan’s catering company. (Not hamburgers and hot dogs either, but steak, no less.)

So, if you missed this year’s R.A.P. Club summer event, there’s always next year.

RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS’ BANQUET

September 9, 2009 was a great day for some 400 retired Seattle Police Officers, guests, dignitaries and assorted staff attended the 66th annual Retired Officers’ Banquet. Everybody there ate and drank very well and got caught up on the latest news that probably isn’t exactly fit to print.

Again, we give thanks to all the folks at Police Relief, Police Athletic Association, Retired Officers’ Association, SPOG/SPMA, Honor Guard, Pension Office and Mrs. Magan’s Catering, who contribute to the success of this annual event. Look for photos elsewhere in *The Guardian*.

Three long-time retirees present received awards from the Police Guild for their service and longevity:

Morrie Carlson, #370

Paul Dyson, #636

Jim Hansen, #830

So if you missed attending this year, plan on attending next year.

THE ANNUAL RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS’ BANQUET IS ALWAYS HELD ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY IN SEPTEMBER AT THE SEATTLE POLICE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PAVILION.

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October 2009 Retirees’ Birthdays

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Donald L. Compton
February 21, 1927 – August 30, 2009

Donald L. Compton, #1189, retired Seattle Police Patrolman, Motorcycle Officer and Detective, passed away on August 30, 2009 in Sedro Wooley, Washington. He was 82 years of age upon his death.

Don Compton was born on February 21, 1927. Don was appointed to Seattle Police “Patrolman” on February 26, 1951. He served for 25 years, counting prior service, as a “Patrolman”, Motorcycle Officer and Detective and retired on March 31, 1974 for service.

No last rites were planned

Surviving are two sons and his significant other of some 40 years, Suzanne Allshaw.

Don Compton was a terrific person and I’m given to understand that he was a pretty good bowler in his prime.



Wayne D. Larkin
April 25, 1927 ~ September 3, 2009
(Reprinted with the permission of Ronna Larkin, Wayne’s wife)

Wayne D. Larkin, #1352, passed away peacefully at Swedish Hospital on September 3, 2009 surrounded by loving family and friends. He was 82 years of age upon his death. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Ronna Larkin, daughters Valerie Sullivan, Denise (Rod) Brumpton, son Wayne Dennis Larkin, sister Melody (Michael) Mociulski, brother David Larkin, brother-in-law Gary (Betty) Nelson, eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and his loyal canine Lexi.

Born in Tacoma, Wayne served two years from 1944 to 1946 in the US Coast Guard on troop transports to Australia, India, New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

Wayne was a remarkable public servant and left his mark on the city of Seattle, with over 30 years of service. Wayne joined the Seattle Fire Department in 1947, serving at Station 17, Ladder 9. His service provided the background while as Seattle City Councilman to later work with Fire Chief Gordon Vickery to develop the first 911 Medic One system in the country.

In March 1952, he joined the Seattle Police Department, serving in patrol and as a detective in auto theft, intelligence, narcotics and vice. Wayne’s success as a leader in the Seattle Police Department culminated in his being elected as president of the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild and vice president of the Washington Council of Police Officers. Wayne also served as president of the Association of Washington Cities and as president of the King County Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy and as a two-term member of the National MD Board of Directors. He worked tirelessly on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethons.

When a vacancy occurred in 1969 on the Seattle City Council, Wayne successfully ran for election serving two-terms chairing the Intergovernmental Relations, Utilities, and Public Safety committees. During his term of office, Wayne was listed by *Seattle Times* readers as among the “150 Most Influential People in Seattle/ King County History”. Wayne possessed the unique ability to bring people together, reach consensus and foster change.

Results of Councilman Larkin’s persistence and dedication include the Vietnam and Korean War Memorial on the granite walls of the old Public Safety Building which was the first of its kind in the state of Washington. Wayne sponsored and secured passage of Harborview Hospital’s bond issue for Seattle’s nationally recognized Burn Center and also spearheaded the passage of legislation creating the Police Department’s successful K-9 unit, a new dimension in law enforcement employing dogs. A supporter of providing basic city services to Seattle, Councilman Larkin was an advocate for maintaining a strong police department. As Chairman of the city’s Utilities Committee, Councilman Larkin secured passage of a program to exempt economically disadvantaged users of the city’s utilities.

As Chairman of Metro’s Water Quality Committee, Councilman Larkin used his people skills and problem-solving abilities to forge consensus on water issues facing King County. A staunch advocate of public transportation, Larkin played a leading role in the creation of the Metro Transit System.

A real passion for boating gave Wayne enjoyment throughout his life. He was a life member of Queen City Yacht Club serving as Board Chairman and Winslow Outstation Chairman. He loved cruising and fishing on his beloved “Merrilee”. Wayne was truly one of nature’s noblemen, a gentle spirit who was loved by all.

A memorial service for Wayne Larkin before an overflow crowd of mourners was held September 15, 2009 at the Shoreline Community Church, Shoreline, with a reception that followed at Queen City Yacht Club. Memorials may be made to Medic One, Seattle Fire Dept., 301- 2nd South, Seattle, WA 98104.

I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the following: Retired Seattle Police Lieutenant Pat Murphy was with Wayne right up to the end of his life. These two men were close friends for more than 40 years and the bond between them was incredible. You don’t see that kind of steadfast loyalty very much anymore. I’ll bet that Larkin and Murphy shared things with each other that nobody else in this world knows. Thanks, Pat.



MAY THEY BOTH REST IN PEACE

Attention All Retired SPOG & SPMA Members

The new SPOG Trust Maui Condo is now accepting names for the waiting list.

Any retired SPOG or SPMA members who would like to be considered for a vacancy should call the SPOG office and place their name on the waiting list

Call Elizabeth at the SPOG Office for more information or to place your name on the list:
(206) 767-1150

Editor’s Notes

By Detective Ron Smith, Editor



The “Step-Compression” arbitration decision was finally delivered and its ruling has affected roughly fifteen percent of our membership. The anger is understandable, yet mostly misguided. I have heard some say the “The Guild” didn’t take the issue seriously, and that if the issue affected anyone on the Board of Directors it would have been handled differently. I wonder what more “The Guild” could have done to try and fight for a positive ruling in this case. “The Guild” spent over \$15,000.00 for outside counsel to represent your interests, as our retained counsel could not handle the case due to being seated at the contract negotiations table. “The Guild” staff spent an extraordinary amount of time compiling information for the case, as well as trying to coordinate witness officers to testify in the hearing. Despite the disappointment by many, the ruling was positive in two out of three issues, and consequently the City must now make those affected whole. The issue we did not win came down to the Clinton era “the meaning of is is” phenomena. This is where those sore with SPOG may want to consider shifting their anger to the City. It is highly likely that before the ink was dried on the current contract, the bean counters started looking for whatever language they could exploit. They have a proven track record of this type of calculated, disingenuous behavior. They sit down and negotiate an agreement with SPOG, that SPOG interprets through the negotiation to mean “X,” and later on the City switches gears and says no, it really means “Y.” This is a game that they know they can play to stall, attempt to wear down SPOG and to roll the dice to see how an arbitrator might rule. Many times SPOG is able to fight the good fight and prevail. Sadly in this case SPOG was only able to prevail with two-thirds of a victory; but that’s the way the ball bounces sometimes.

About two years ago I sat in a room with one of our members as a guild representative while a former Assistant Chief told the member that he was being voluntarily transferred out of his unit. When the member made it clear he was not volunteering, the former Assistant Chief assured him he was, and made sure that the member was transferred. It took nearly two years, but that member regained his position via the grievance process. The City keeps SPOG busy with these word games, and nothing is likely to change that anytime soon. Remember for the future that arbitration is far from a sure thing. When we get into the next round of protracted contract negotiations, don’t be so quick to think running to arbitration is the answer. The union gets to put on its best case, but so does the City. Just ask the Washington State Patrol Troopers about arbitration, and you may be shocked at how screwed you can get.

Look on the positive side, in January you will receive a six-percent raise, nobody is getting laid off, the City is continuing to hire new officers and patrol might get the new 10-hour shift with the built in extra time off.

On a side note, please ensure if you are a user of social media outlets such as Facebook, Myspace and Twitter that your postings do not reflect upon you in a negative light. As you should know, you have absolutely no expectation of privacy on the Internet, and due to your chosen profession, your 1st Amendment free speech rights can be restricted by your employer. I hope to have more on this topic next month.

Until next month, be safe and stay sane! Feel free to contact me with your comments and concerns at spogguardian@yahoo.com. “When you can’t make them see the light, make them feel the heat.”- Ronald Reagan.

Calendar of Events

Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office
Wednesday, October 14th at 1300 hours

SPOG Membership Meeting
Wednesday, October 28th at 2000 hours

October 2010 SPOG Hawaii Condo Drawing
Wednesday, October 28th during the SPOG Membership Meeting

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New Arrival

Presley Marie Ward was born on September 12, 2009! She is the Great-Granddaughter of Sergeant Robert Ward #1440 (Killed in the line of duty on 05-15-1969), Granddaughter to Retired Officer Mike Ward #3964 and daughter to Jill and Officer Randy Ward #6694. Maybe a fourth generation in the making...



Remembering Our Fallen Heroes



David Sires EOW: 10-16-1881
William Rumble EOW: 10-29-1947
Jerry Lee Wyant EOW: 10-26-1976

Gone But Not Forgotten